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**DIVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR APPARATUS CLAIMS**

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Sir:

These documents are being filed in response to a telephone conversation on Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 8, 2001. Counsel understands that a Notice of allowability for the method claims is being expedited by reason of Counsel's capitulation concerning the restriction requirement and the canceling in the CPA case of the <sup>apparatus</sup> method claims. Such <sup>apparatus</sup> method claims are being concurrently submitted herein in this Divisional Application, so that there is no hiatus in their pendency. Prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability for the apparatus claims is sought.

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Prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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